

**Crawford County
Delinquent Tax Committee Meeting
November 6, 2019**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Derek Flansburgh. In attendance were: Committee members Derek Flansburgh, Henry Esser, and Kersten Rocksvold, Tom Cornford – County Board Chairman, Deanne Lutz – County Treasurer, Attorney Mark Peterson – Corporate Counsel, Gionne Collins – Real Property Lister and Julie Jackson – Chief Deputy Treasurer.

Others attending: City of Prairie du Chien representatives Garth Frable – City Planner and Chad Abram – City Administrator; Carl Colsch and Chris Herbst of Mississippi Meats and Janet Geisler – County Clerk.

**Verify posting
& Approval of
Minutes**

Flansburgh verified that the meeting notice was properly posted. Motion made by Esser, seconded by Rocksvold to approve the minutes of the previous (October 8, 2019) meeting. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Blackhawk
Junction**

Garth Frable presented a memo that summarized the decision by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Prairie du Chien (RDA) to move forward in acquiring the Blackhawk Junction property at the asking price of \$612,000, and outlined the timeline for the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Blight Determination processes. The memo included a proposed closing date prior to January 1, 2020, pending the County's acceptance and approval of the offer and these two processes being completed in a timely manner. He explained that the City Attorney was preparing a formal offer to purchase and it would be submitted within the next week. Deanne Lutz clarified which expenses were included in the asking price and Attorney Peterson stated that the property would be "as is" when it closes. Chad Abram noted that the offer to purchase will include a down payment with terms over a 5-year period.

All other attendees left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

A general discussion followed regarding the City's outstanding payments, the current status of the tenants and potential meeting dates once the offer is received. Attorney Peterson recommended that we wait until the formal offer is received and discuss the proposed terms at that time. Lutz informed the committee members that the City representatives were verbally told that there would be no proration of the new tax bill. No action taken.

**Properties going
to auction**

Deanne Lutz explained that while there had been discussion, no formal action had been taken on the properties being sold on the online auction. She had spoken with Attorney Mark Peterson and he approved the sale of the France property "as is", so she's been working with Curt Kramer of Kramer Auction Service and advised him to set a date. It's estimated that the auction would end during the first week of December, with the property transfer being closed before the end of the year. Gionne Collins gave an update on the former Noyes property. The surveyor had been out to the site and marked the property lines; however, it was determined that a corner of the neighbor's barn is encroaching on

the property. She mentioned that the adjoining landowners had stopped into her office with questions. There was a brief discussion on all of the properties.

Motion made by Esser, seconded by Rocksvold to sell all Properties #1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 "as is".

Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Update on
Auction date**

Deanne Lutz provided information on the starting amounts for the online auction. The sites were visited and the asking prices were set at that time. She reminded the members that any final bids below the asking price are subject to approval by this committee.
No action taken.

Adjournment

Motion made by Esser, seconded by Rocksvold to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried with no negative votes cast.
Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Julie Jackson, Chief Deputy Treasurer